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United States Senate

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Thomas DiNanno
Assistant Administrator
Grants Program Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
400 C Street SW, 3rd Floor North
Washington, DC 20472-3620

*Re: FY 2016 SAFER Application for the Michigan City Fire Department –
Funding Opportunity DHS-16-GPD-083-000-99*

Dear Mr. DiNanno:

As Senator from Indiana, I am interested in helping our communities maintain required staffing levels to ensure safe, effective response during emergency situations. Like many communities, Michigan City, Indiana is being challenged to increase its service to residents while managing limited resources.

Michigan City is located on the Lake Michigan Shoreline and is the largest city in LaPorte County, Indiana. It is home to over 31,000 year-round residents, and local officials estimate that its population doubles in the summer months, due to its location on the lake and an influx of tourists. In addition to covering the population and property within its boundaries, the Michigan City Fire Department (MCFD) is responsible for fire prevention and suppression and non-transport emergency medical care. It staffs four fire stations that operate three 24 hour shifts.

MCFD is requesting funding for six additional firefighter/EMTs to bring staffing up to levels needed to meet demand and the staffing requirements of NFPA 1710. SAFER funding will enable MCFD to meet coverage needs and allow frontline responders to move more quickly, safely and efficiently through every phase of an emergency response.

I respectfully request that you grant every consideration to the SAFER application from the Michigan City Fire Department in accordance with U.S. law and public policy. I would appreciate being updated on the progress of their application. Questions and announcements can be directed to my office by contacting Marianne Black at Marianne_Black@donnelly.senate.gov or by telephone at (317) 226-5555.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator